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METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR DETECTING DNA HYBRIDIZATION

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Mail Stop Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

It is respectfully requested that the time for response to the Office Action dated November 4, 2003, now due to expire February 4, 2004, be extended for three months and set to expire on May 4, 2004. Please charge the extension fee of \$950.00 to Deposit Account No. 500417. Please charge any additional fees or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 500417.

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